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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Abstract.

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Education and Public Health Department.

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Read the following:-

O R D E R:

The Health Survey and Development Committee have made the following observations on the subject of the feeding of employees and labour groups:-

In Europe and America, great attention has been given to the diet of Industrial Workers, particularly during the war. At an Industrial Conference in Great Britain in 1943, it was recommended that the war-time measure of providing a balanced meal to industrial workers should be continued when the war is over. This is a question of importance in India, particularly in view of the fact that Industry is now expanding rapidly. The establishment by Industrial concerns of canteens supplying good food at low cost is to be recommended. In this connection, mention should also be made of labourers on plantations and the secretarial staffs of large business houses. The need for improving the nutrition of workers must be impressed on all employers of labour.

2. The Government consider that the main idea behind the above suggestion is that the managements of Industrial concerns should provide facilities for the establishment of canteens for their labourers by bearing the capital cost on account of such canteens, while the running costs will be met from the sales; and the workmen should be provided therein with clean, wholesome food with adequate nutritive value and should not have to pay more than he could normally afford to pay for such food.

So far as Government Industrial and other establishments are concerned, Heads of Departments are informed that the Government cannot run canteens, but will provide necessary facilities to a co-operative organization for supplying reasonably nutritive food to the workers, wherever such an organisation is started, for the benefit of the workers in those establishments.

3. The Commissioner of Labous is requested to invite the attention of the managements of large private Industrial concerns to the observations of this Committee and to persuade them to take suitable action, on these observations , in such manner as he may deem fit.

(BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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